



Submitted via email: board@nvspeechhearing.org

July 7, 2022

The Honorable Tami Brancamp
Chair
State of Nevada
Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology & Hearing Aid Dispensing Board
6170 Mae Anne Avenue, Suite 1
Reno, NV 89523

RE: Proposed Licensure Renewal Standards

Dear Chairwoman Brancamp:

On behalf of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, I write in support of the proposed changes to NAC 637B that would require a licensed speech-language pathologist (SLP) to hold an active Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology (CCC-SLP) issued by the American Speech-Language Association (ASHA) in order to renew a standard SLP license.

ASHA is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 223,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students. SLPs identify, assess, and treat speech, language, and swallowing disorders. Over 1,000 ASHA members reside in Nevada.¹

ASHA's CCC-SLP is the fundamental standard among major health professions and the most widely recognized symbol of competency for SLPs. To maintain their CCC, SLPs must accumulate 30 professional development hours every three years. Additionally, individuals holding the CCC are expected to abide by ASHA's Code of Ethics. Requiring the CCC for SLP license renewal will further ensure that Nevadans receive the highest standard of service available.

Thank you for your consideration of ASHA's position to support the changes to the SLP licensure renewal. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Eileen Crowe, ASHA's director of state association relations, at ecrowe@asha.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Rich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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2022 ASHA President

¹ American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. (2022). *Nevada* [Quick Facts]. <https://www.asha.org/siteassets/uploadedfiles/advocacy/state-fliers/nevada-state-flyer.pdf>.